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TAGS: CI PINTS PINS MILI

SUBJ: ANOTHER NEW CABINET

REF: SANTIAGO 3840

1. SUMMARY: PRES ALLENDE ANNOUNCED CABINET CHANGES EVENING AUG 28. MILITARY INSTITUTIONS MAINTAIN THEIR REPRESENTATION. BRIONES - WHO ALLENDE IDENTIFIED AS, "NOT A MEMBER OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY" - RETURNS TO INTERIOR. LETELIER NOW MINDEFENSE. END SUMMARY

2. IN EARLY EVENING CEREMONY AUG 28 PRES ALLENDE ANNOUNCED NEW CABINET APPOINTMENTS. SPEAKING FOR 40 MINUTES, ALLENDE - - WHO SOUNDED AND LOOKED TIRED AND ANGRY -- SAID NEW CABINET WILL HAVE SAME MANDATE AS THAT SWORN IN AUG 8 (SIC), TO END NATION'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION. HE SCORED CALLS FOR HIS RESIGNATION AS WELL AS VIEW THAT TO AVOID CIVIL WAR A COUP IS NECESSARY, SAYING HE WOULD NOT RESIGN AND CHILE WILL HAVE NEITHER CIVIL WAR NOR A COUP. PRES STATED THAT

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"INSURRECTIONAL OFFENSIVE" HAS INTENSIFIED IN PAST WEEK. HE CITED

IN PARTICULAR THE TRANSPORT STRIKE, TERRORIST INCIDENTS, BOMB ATTACKS ON CUBAN DIPLOMATS AND ANTI-GOVT PRES CAMPAIGN AS EVIDENCE. ALLENDE NOTED ECONOMIC DAMAGE TRANSPORT STRIKE CAUSING NATION AND WONDERED ALOUD WHO COULD BE FINANCING STRIKERS. PRES REVEALED THAT HE HAS ORDERED MINPUBLIC WORKS GEN MAGLIOCCHETTI TO END NEGOTIATIONS TODAY IF STRIKERS DO NOT ACCEPT GOVT'S "GENEROUS" TERMS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ADM MONTERO, WHOSE RESIGNATION HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED (REFTEL), DR. ARTURO JIRON (IND. LEFTIST) AND ANIBAL PALMA (PR) LEAVE CABINET. REPLACING THEM IN THEIR POSTS OF HEALTH AND HOUSING ARE DR. MARIO LAGOS (POL. AFFILIATION UNKNOWN) AND PEDRO FELIPE RAMIREZ WHO MOVES FROM MINES TO HOUSING. REPLACING RAMIREZ IN MINES IS GEN ROLANDO GONZALEZ, ARMY'S HIGHEST RANKING NON-LINE OFFICER. ALSO ENTERING CABINET IS REAR ADMIRAL DANIEL ARELLANO WHO REPLACES MONTERO IN THE FINANCE SLOT. ARELLANO PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS DURING MILITARY'S PRE-MARCH ELECTION CABINET STINT.

3. ORLANDO LETELIER MOVES FROM INTERIOR TO DEFENSE FILLING THAT POSITION VACATED BY RESIGNATION OF CARLOS PRATS. REPLACING LETELIER IN THE KEY INTERIOR POSITION IS CARLOS BRIONES. INTERESTINGLY ALLENDE REFERRED TO BRIONES "A MEMBER OF NO POLITICAL PARTY" AND AS AN INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NAMING TO THE CABINET SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF HIS PRESIDENTIAL PREROGATIVE TO DO SO. HE ALSO SAID PALMA WILL BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES IN IMMEDIATE ENTOURAGE OF PRES.

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